

Complaint of a middle-class Englishman on the eve of Great Britain's election:

"I can't save anything. Ordinary everyday things take most of what I make. The income tax, the sales tax, the beer tax, the tobacco tax, the tax on this and the tax on that, eat up what's left."

But that is the mark of any socialist government. How could it be otherwise? When you put the government into business you still have to pay for management—and the British can't save any private funds because of the multiple taxes it merely means that government, instead of being a better manager than private enterprise, is a worse one.

I doubt whether the British have had enough of it so far to turn the labor government into the street in this week's election—but it is significant that those earlier radicals of the English-speaking family, New Zealand and Australia, threw the Socialists out.

Give the home folks time—and enough taxes.

Speaking of Socialism, I wonder if much of today's world-wide unrest isn't due to the decline in the old-time custom of holding debates. Not necessarily public ones, but the group discussions which used to come out of the small debating societies that were everywhere in the United States and other countries.

Argument brings out both sides of a question—and sometimes when you have heard the subject thoroughly debated your enthusiasm for real action is dampened. In this sense, talk certainly is cheap—for talk doesn't bring on the tax load that action does.

Remember the old saying? Barbers are always talking, and therefore no barber ever led a revolution—but beware of the tailor who sits all day on his stool and sews and sews but never says a word.

I have always been fascinated by the similarity of the winter season here and in Southern California, where it usually gets as cold as 26 degrees, yet they raise oranges out there.

They have to protect them against freeze, either by oil smudge pots or the more recent combination of an electric furnace and an airplane propeller. We could do as much in Hempstead county—but for one unfortunate fact, California has mountain protection against cold winds from the interior. About one out of three winters southwest Arkansas, being exposed to the north, is raked by blasts too cold for oranges despite smudge protection.

Even in California, however, the orange business is a gamble. Smudging against cold weather costs an orchard man several hundred dollars a night. And the trees being prolific, if the season turns out well the market is flooded and prices are shot.

The small orange tree is incredible. It averages 500 pounds of fruit, and some trees have borne 4,000 pounds in a season. The crop is just the reverse of other crops: It comes in between November and June. And the tree may have three crops in process at once: Last year's fruit on the branch, buds for this year's crop, and blossoms for the crop due 18 months from now. I'll take livestock for mine.

## Scout to Take Over City Thursday

Thursday, The Boys Scouts will take over the city—doing police work and carrying out all duties of officials from 1 to 6 p.m. Here are the new officers:

Mayor, Boyce Baker, assistant Joel D. Osborn; chief of Police, Nolan Stanford, assisted by Ben Owen, Jr.; Treasurer, Donald McQueen assisted by Bobby Leggett.

Council, Floyd Hartsfield, Charles Halbert, Bill Camp and Jimmy Branch. City Attorney, Jerry O'Neal, assisted by Max McCracken.

The scouts take over the city annually for a half day. This year each participant will be identified with a special tag.

## Local PTA to Honor Founders

All Hope PTA organizations will observe "Founders Day" with a tea and program Thursday afternoon at 2:30 in the high school auditorium.

The local PTA was organized in 1910. Three charter members who still live in Hope will be honored. They are Mrs. Ross R. Gillespie, Mrs. K. C. McRae and Mrs. Floyd Porterfield.

The program will include singing by the school glee club.

**WEATHER FORECAST**

Arkansas: Cloudy, showers in east, south, cold this afternoon. Cloudy colder tonight. Cold Thursday.



## Sterner Action May Be Taken Against Miners

Washington, Feb. 22 —(AP)— A move for rush legislation to give President Truman power to seize the struck coal mines developed today in congress.

Chairman Lesinski (D-Mich) of the house labor committee told reporters he understood Rep. Bailey (D-WVa) was preparing a bill along that line. He said the labor committee would give it prompt hearings and added:

"We will have to do a rush job because of the emergency."

Lesinski said that if Bailey did not introduce a seizure bill he believed there were other legislators who would.

Washington, Feb. 22 —(AP)— Thwarted thus far in its effort to produce coal by court order, the government today was reported considering contempt action directly against John L. Lewis and his top lieutenants.

A federal contempt of court citation — which named the striking United Mine Workers as a unit, but not the officers — has brought no results in two days except further fuel famine, more plant shutdowns, and scattered violence.

Negotiations were dropped on the bargaining sessions grew shorter and the recesses longer. No progress was visible; demands grew to federal seizure of the mines.

But a responsible government official said the justice department first may try "filing some more papers" to broaden the contempt case.

He suggested that Federal Judge Richmond B. Keach may be asked to add the names of Lewis and some of UMW's 24 district presidents in the soft coal areas to the contempt citation.

This official said the government when it obtained the contempt citation Monday, had evidence to do more than make a blanket complaint against the 370,000-member union. Now he said, more specific charges may be lodged.

This detailed with reports — from both union and industry sources — that federal bureau of investigation agents have been busy in the coal fields, assembling evidence on the union's efforts — or lack of effort — to comply with the court's back-to-work order.

Lewis, who has twice wired his defiant men to resume digging, smiled gently as he left each bargaining session, and said not a word.

As for legislation authorizing a seizure of the mines, the White House obviously regarded such a step as a last resort, to be taken only if all other efforts fail.

## GOPs Want Ban on U. S. Loyalty Files

Washington, Feb. 22 —(AP)— Senate Republicans powered a drive today aimed at breaking President Truman's wartime ban against letting congressional committees dig into government loyalty files.

Led by Senator Brewster (R-Me) they tried to make such a provision a forerunner to acceptance of a resolution by Senator Lucas (D-Ill) for an investigation of charges that Communists have infiltrated the state department.

Lucas, senate Democratic leader, tried to hurry through the senate yesterday a measure directing the foreign relations committee to inquire into charges by Senator McCarthy (R-Wis) that at least 81 Communists now hold — or previously held — state department jobs.

Brewster objected, temporarily blocking any action. He said a "historical issue" ought to be settled — whether the President has the right to deny congress access to any government records.

During the war, Mrs. Truman issued an order to departments to withhold files which contained information about investigations of employees' loyalty.

The President's position was that a lot of this information was merely hearsay. He held also that the sources tapped by government investigators ought to be protected from publicity.

Republicans have been smarting under the order since. They contend that it blocks any effective investigation of charges such as those made by McCarthy. They haven't been able to do anything about it.

## Tornadoes to Give Patmos Program on Friday Night

The Patmos P. T. A. will present the Hope Tornadoes in a program of songs at 8 o'clock Friday night, February 24, at the Patmos Elementary school.

Announcement was made by L. L. Washington, president, and B. R. Holloway, reporter.

## Non-Union Miners Carry Shotguns to Coal Pits

Brookville, Pa., Feb. 22 —(AP)— Shotguns, revolvers and tear gas bombs were standard equipment today for non-union miners digging coal despite the United Mine Workers strike.

As bands of strike pickets continued to rove through western Pennsylvania's soft coal fields, one strip or surface digger cradled a shotgun in his arms, slapped a pistol strapped to his waist.

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Ching reported the stalemate in peace efforts to the White House last night.

His plans for bringing the Western Electric company representatives into the same room here with the CIO-Communications Workers yesterday were rebuffed. The company said it would negotiate only in New York, where it has been meeting for weeks in fruitless bargaining sessions with the union.

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The fire, of undetermined origin, broke out about 5 a.m. (EST) and within a few moments enveloped the brick structure in the center of the city, 50 miles north of Albany.

There were 45 registered guests. Many of them leaped from the windows of their rooms. At least 18 were carried down ladders to safety by firemen. Others made their way to the street unassisted.

Police and firemen said they had accounted for 43 of the 45 guests.

One of the guests, James E. Keating, 36, of Latham, N. Y., a rug salesman, said:

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Keating was asleep in a room on the second floor early.

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Others jumped from windows to the snow-covered ground.

Among those injured was John Delaney, manager of the hotel and formerly assistant manager of the Tea Eyck hotel in Albany.

## Junior High Band Concert Thursday Night

A varied and interesting program of band music is promised in a concert by the Hope Junior High school band at the High school auditorium Thursday night, Feb. 23, at 8 o'clock. A suite from the pen of the classic writer Carl Maria von Weber, a selection from the "London Suite" by the modern English writer Eric Coates, a comic radio skit, and even one number with "No Name" all combine with several brilliant marches to provide entertainment for everyone. This is the annual midwinter concert by the Junior High band and one of the high spots in the years' work.

The Junior High band started off the present year with some twenty-five members, having graduated fifteen to the high school last spring. It now numbers over fifty. Some came up via the grade school bands while other additions have just begun music this year. All have shown remarkable progress, as the coming concert will show.

The public is invited to hear this concert Thursday night. As is customary, no admission fee will be charged.

## Local Women to Observe Prayer Day

Hope Council of Church women will conduct World Day of Prayer service at the Presbyterian church Friday, February 4 at 2:30. This service is held each year with all churches cooperating in the program. The women of world are united in prayer and their offerings for definite Christian enterprises in this service. The program for the local service is as follows:

Prelude — Mrs. R. L. Gosnell.  
Hymn — All Hail the Power of Jesus Name.

Prayer — Mrs. R. L. Broach.  
Hymn — Open Mine Eyes That I May See.

Devotional — Mrs. Donald Dill.  
Solo — "I Walked Today Where Jesus Walked" — Mrs. Earl Porelli, Jr.

Special Speaker — Faith For Our Time — Miss Clarice Cannon.  
Explanation of Offering.

Benediction — Mrs. Wm. P. Hardegree.  
Postlude — Mrs. R. L. Gosnell.

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## Flower Show Committees Are Named

The following committee have been named for the annual Flower Show scheduled here March 22.

Schedule — Mrs. R. L. Broach.  
Staging — Mrs. Syd McMath.

Mrs. H. O. Kyler, Mrs. Jett Orton, Mrs. Garrett Story, Mrs. Alene Johnson, Mrs. B. L. Rettig, Mrs. A. E. Slusser, Mrs. E. O. Wingfield, Mrs. C. P. Tolleson, Mrs. Oliver Adams, Mrs. W. P. Hardegree.

Mrs. A. B. Patton, Mrs. Lahrey Spates, Mrs. Basil York, Mrs. Claude Lauderbach, Mrs. Arch Moore, Mrs. Royce Weisenberger, and Mrs. Claud Tillery.

Wheat is attacked by 77 different diseases.

## The Father of Our Country Is Still Dear to the Hearts of the American People

By HAL BOYLE

New York, —(AP)— If "the father of our country" returned to America today on his 218th birthday, how would he find he stood in the hearts of his countrymen?

George Washington would be pleased to learn that to many he is still first in American hearts despite the tarnish of the years.

But the big, rawboned planter-general-president might get a wry chuckle or two out of the tricks time has played with his reputation since the days when the nation's motto was, "let George do it."

To get a cross-section of present-day opinion, polled at a gallop, I asked a number of people of different occupations and ages:

1. What does George Washington mean to you?  
2. What one word sums him up best?  
3. How do you rank him among the great men of American history? And here are typical answers:

An elderly librarian: "George Washington is in a class by himself. He has to be first in our hearts because he founded our nation and taught us loyalty to the United States. He liked his rum and he liked the ladies, but he was a splendid leader. In one word — incomparable."

## British Parties in Final Appeals Before Election

London, Feb. 22 —(AP)— Labor and 'conservative' leaders issued final appeals today to Britain's 34,000,000 voters and political soothsayers said it was a tossup which would come out on top in tomorrow's election.

With the whole world awaiting the outcome, campaign chiefs of both major parties expressed confidence.

The Gallup poll gave the Labor party a slight edge. Its final figures listed Labor with 45 per cent of the votes, of those who have made up their minds, the Conservatives with 43.5 per cent, the Liberals with 10.5 per cent, others one per cent. But the final figures did not take the "undecideds" — nine per cent of the voters — into consideration.

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## Potato Issue Again Under Attack

Washington, Feb. 22 —(AP)— American buying of potatoes grown abroad and price supports for those grown at home were under continued sharp attack today in the senate.

Senate Republican Leader Wherry (Nebr.), a frequent outspoken critic of administration foreign policies, opened a drive to clamp down on spud imports as long as they are produced in surplus in this country.

This move clashed head-on with a statement by Paul G. Hoffman, economic cooperation administrator, that the U. S. should buy more foreign goods if European countries are to make any permanent economic recovery.

While Hoffman was making his statement yesterday before the senate foreign relations committee, Wherry introduced a trade barrier amendment to the cotton-pearl-potato bill which the senate plans to take up again today.

"The administration is full of free traders," Wherry told a reporter.

## Dividend to AP&L Company Stockholders

Little Rock, Feb. 22 —(AP)— Stockholders of the Arkansas Power and Light company will be paid a quarterly dividend April 1.

The board of directors announced yesterday that a dividend of \$1.75 per share on \$7 preferred stock and \$1.50 per share on \$6 preferred stock will be payable on that date to stockholders of record March 15.

Some 7,000 plant diseases cause enough damage to be considered economically important.

## Fight to Finish Promised by FEPC Opponents

Washington, Feb. 22 —(AP)— After months of circling around the house comes to grips today with fair employment practices (FEPC) legislation.

The anti-job discrimination bill which cornerstones President Truman's civil rights program has top priority immediately after the annual reading of George Washington's farewell address at noon.

It would create a fair employment practices commission to enforce bans on discrimination in employment against Negroes and others.

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## Consumer Prices Said to Be Down

Washington, Feb. 22 —(AP)— Consumer prices declined 3 per cent during 1949 and at the start of this year were four per cent under their postwar peak, the commerce department reported today.

While food prices had fallen farthest from their crest, they continued to be "high in relation to those for other commodities when compared with the prewar situation in either 1933 or 1936," the department said.

Clothing prices to the consumer took the biggest proportional decline, 7.3 per cent, in 1949, but were off only 7.8 per cent from their postwar highs, by department calculation.

Household furnishings concentrated practically all of their postwar price decline — 6.7 per cent — into 1949.

The department noted that consumer prices rose to new highs in other respects — rent moving up 2.3 per cent; fuel, electricity and refrigeration 1.4 per cent, and other costs, classed as "miscellaneous," up 1 per cent.

Food costs to the consumer, while down 9 per cent from their postwar high, were off only 3.8 per cent in 1949 although "prices of food at the farm" slumped 15 per cent.

The spread in the drops in prices at the farm and to the consumer were held by department analysts, however, to be "approximately in line."

"Changes in retail prices normally follow farm prices only after a lag, and the amplitude of variation is usually smaller because of the sluggishness of distribution and processing costs," they said.

While consumer prices went down only about 2 per cent last year, they got a break on improvements in quality and in the increased availability of less expensive items, the analysts said.

## Negro Held for Series of Thefts in Hope, Fulton

Benny C. Muldrow, negro youth who lives below Red Lake near Fulton, is being held here in connection with a series of thefts.

In January the negro admitted taking two watches from Keene's Shoe Shop, and only last week stole a jacket from J. C. Penney Co., a shirt and a pair of shoes from McPherson's Store, and a watch at a Fulton store.

Everything has been recovered. Deputy Allen Shipp will take Muldrow to Fulton today to stand trial in justice court for the watch he took there.

## Jaycees Meet Tonight at City Hall

The Junior Chamber of Commerce will meet tonight at Hope City Hall. At a recent board of directors meeting Hobart Shirley was named head of the membership committee, Art Phoon was named second vice-president, replacing Tom Fulton. Buddy Moon and George Frazier were named to investigate the possibility of the local group taking part in backing Hoover's Economy Proposals.

## WOW to Meet

All members of WOW Camp 8 are urged to attend an initiation at the lodge hall Thursday night, Feb. 23. Refreshments will be served.

## U.S. Ready to Throw Force at 'Communism'

Lent Brings an End to Fabulous Mardi Gras

New Orleans, Feb. 22 (AP)— At the toll of midnight, Mardi Gras in all its grand production and folk-folk execution became a memory with the beginning of pious Lent.

The sharp moment of carnival's end lost only the trampled debris of paper hats, pop corn boxes and the streamers of paper.

Home from the riotous mirth-making from dawn to midnight when King Rex, lord of misrule, proclaimed a day of unrestrained frolic, went the last of the spectators. Some walked barefooted carrying their shoes.

## Mercy Slaying Trial Gets All-Male Jury

Manchester, N. H., Feb. 22 —(AP)— An all-male jury was completed today for the "mercy killing" trial of Dr. Hermann Nelson Sander on charges that, to cut short her suffering, he murdered a woman patient doomed by cancer.

Well weighted with maturity, the jury reflects the complexion of this industrial center — both in their jobs and religion.

The average age of the 12 who will hear the case is 54. At least seven are Roman Catholics.

A 13th juror was named as an alternate to serve in case one of the others is forced to retire from the trial.

While the religious issue was not raised in the selection of the jury, the stand of some sects against so-called "mercy killings" hung over the trial.

Catholic church doctrine particularly opposes mercy death.

Louis Cutter, 38-year-old mill worker from Hillsboro, was named foreman of the jury by Judge Harold E. Wescott.

Cutter, a widower and youngest member of the jury, is a Methodist.

Attorney General William L. Phinney used a challenge to excuse Mrs. Elizabeth M. Pierce of Wilton, a middle-aged black-haired mother of three children was being examined for possible selection as an alternate juror.

Mrs. Pierce said under questioning "I could be as neutral as any, one possibly could be in this case."

But the prosecution objected to her.

Court adjourned for the noon recess at this point. It will reconvene at 1 p.m. (CST).

Phinney told newsmen he intended to make a few brief remarks to the jurors and then take them to view the hospital room where Mrs. Abbie Borroto, 59, died after being given air injections.

Dr. Sander's attorney said the defendant would accompany the jury.

A heated discussion of possible jury tampering delayed the start of the morning session.

## Rev. Hardegree Is Kiwanis Speaker

The "Moral of Greatness" was discussed at yesterday's regular Kiwanis club meeting by the Rev. W. P. Hardegree, pastor of First Christian church. He was introduced by James H. Pilkinton.

R. T. Elkins, owner of the new Elkins Store here, was a guest along with Dr. Albright of Lincoln, Neb. and James West, Bob Graham was introduced as a new member.

The club presented the Rev. J. M. Hamilton a gift in appreciation for an address at the organization's ladies night held recently.

## Little Rock Man Heads Arkansas Oil Industry

Little Rock, Feb. 22 —(AP)— The new chairman of the Arkansas Oil industry information committee for 1950 is W. S. Kotch of Little Rock. He was elected to that post, succeeding T. M. Martin of El Hill, Daddo, at a meeting here yesterday.

Other officers: R. G. Lawton, Magnolia, vice chairman for production; R. T. Colquette, El Dorado, vice chairman for refining, and P. J. Ward, Little Rock, vice chairman for marketing.

The modern, non-poisonous match was invented in 1911 by William A. Fairbairn.

## Asserts Truman in Foreign Policy Address

Alexandria, a., Feb. 22 —(AP)— President Truman said today that the United States and other nations must be ready to use force necessary against the "deadly lack" of communism.

In what he called "a statement from the shoulder" on foreign policy, Mr. Truman spoke out against any "agreement" on atomic weapon control, and (3) described communism as "an instrument of armed imperialism which seeks to use its influence by force."

The President said George Washington knew "there were times when the use of force to defend democracy could not be avoided, and he added:

"The task of Americans today is fundamentally the same as it was in Washington's time. We must make democracy work and we must defend it against its enemies."

## Private Power Challenges Rights of SPA

Washington, Feb. 22 —(AP)— Private power companies are challenging the rights of the Southeastern Power Administration (SPA) to build a multi-million dollar construction fund for the year beginning July 1 until it is determined whether the interior department approves contracts between SPA and the public service company of Oklahoma and the Oklahoma Gas and Electric company. These contracts would provide for interchange power and facilities.

Wilkes pointed out that contracts made between the SPA and the public service company of Oklahoma and the Oklahoma Gas and Electric company. These contracts would provide for interchange power and facilities.



# Place Bought From

Communists

Washington, Feb. 2 — (AP) — Communist investigators were told that Henry Wallace once met two well-known Communist Party leaders in an effort to round up support for Wallace's Progressive Party campaign speech in the steel city.

new Civic, 41-year old Pittsburgh insurance agent who rose to high office in the Communist party while serving as a government undercover agent.

Civic told the house un-American activities committee the meeting took place in Wallace's room at a Pittsburgh (Schenley) Hotel Nov. 11, 1947, a day after the Progressive party leader had made a presidential campaign speech in the steel city.



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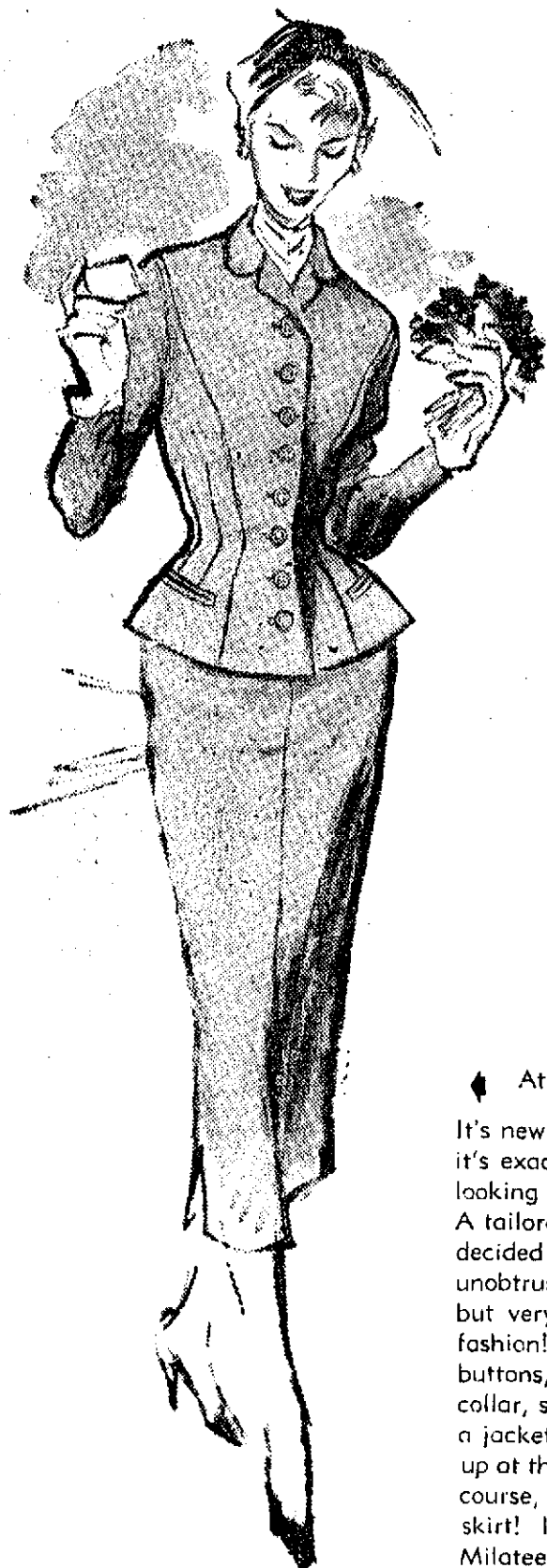
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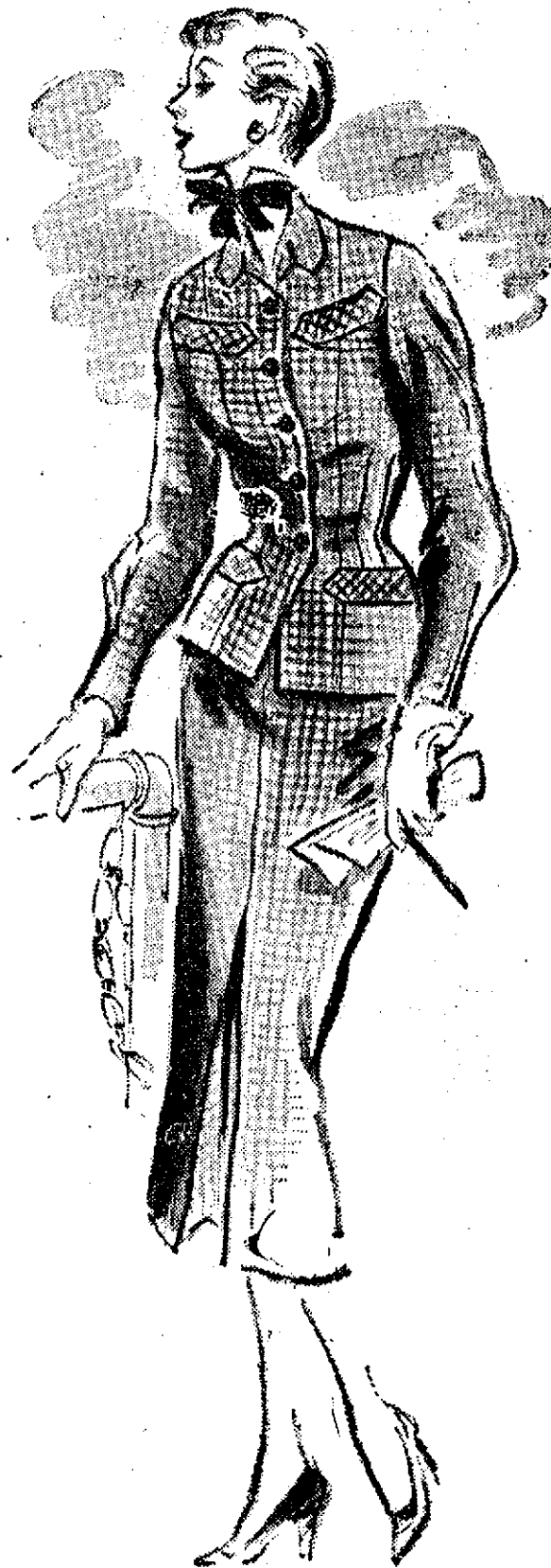


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# SOCIETY

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Wednesday, February 22

The First Presbyterian church will have a congregational meeting Wednesday night, February 22, at 7:15 o'clock. The purpose of this meeting is to hear the report of the committee chosen to enter into agreement to sell the present church property and to take whatever congregational ac-

tion may be deemed advisable.

There will be a family night dinner at the First Christian church Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. Bring a dish of food to contribute to the meal and also bring the whole family. To guest speaker will be Gerald Miller, pastor of the Central Christian church of Texarkana.

The Brookwood P. T. A. will meet jointly with other P. T. A.'s of Hope Thursday, February 23 for the Founders' Day program. All members are urged to attend.

Thursday, February 23

All Hope High School PTA members are urged to attend the annual Founders' Day program Thursday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the high school auditorium. There will be a tea following the program at the ome Ec Cottage with Mrs. H. L. Hanagan in charge.

The B & PW club social will be held at Hotel Barlow at 7 p.m. Thursday with the finance committee in charge. Miss Dorothy Henry, chairman of the committee urges all members to be present. Don't miss this meeting as there will be lots of fun and enjoyment for everyone.

The Paisley PTA will meet

jointly with other P. T. A.'s of Hope for the Founders' Day program and tea at the High school auditorium Thursday at 2:30 p.m.

The men of the First Presbyterian church will have a supper meeting at the church, Thursday night, February 23, at 8:30 o'clock. Mrs. Robert Wiseman, of Texarkana, Ark. will be the guest speaker.

Mrs. Henry Haynes Hostess to Circle

Mrs. Henry Haynes entertained members of circle one of the WMS of the First Baptist church at her home Monday afternoon at 2:30 p.m. The meeting was opened with prayer by Mrs. Cleve Andres.

The business session was conducted by Mrs. W. A. Gunter and during the roll call, the members answered with a scripture verse. A review of two chapters of the mission book, "The Prophet of Little Cane Creek" was given by Mrs. A. W. Martin.

The hostess served a delicious dessert with hot tea to eight members.

Ann Wollerman Circle Studies Mission Book

Mrs. Gaylen Hobbs was hostess to members of the Ann Wollerman Circle of the WMS of the First Baptist church at her home Monday afternoon. The circle chairman Mrs. Royce Smith gave the opening prayer and conducted the business session.

The mission study led by Mrs. Aaron Tollett was a review of the mission book "The Prophet of Little Cane Creek".

A delicious salad plate with coffee was served to seven members.

"Americanism" is Subject of Legion Auxiliary Meet

The American Legion Auxiliary held their regular monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. W. H. Gunter, Tuesday, February 21.

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with Mrs. Ben dmiaston and Mrs. Joe Reese, co hostesses. Mrs. Reese, president, held the regular routine of business and gave a very interesting talk on "Americanism". Refreshments were served during the social hour.

Beta Sigma Phi Rush Party Held

A Beta Sigma Phi rush party was held at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday when Miss Betty Martin entertained at her home on Park Drive. For the occasion, the dining table, covered with a lace cloth and centered with a lovely arrangement of bridal wreath and double jonquils, held the sorority properties, including The Troch Magazine program books, pins, and other articles.

Four tables were arranged in the reception rooms for playing canasta, bridge and bingo. Mrs. William Routon won the high score bridge prize, Miss Allene Jester was awarded the bingo prize and Miss Ella Marie McFaddin received the Canasta prize. During the evening, the hostess served refreshments.

Coming and Going

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Russell and Miss Elizabeth Bridwell are attending the Oaklawn races at Hot Springs today.

Mrs. S. P. Davis of Little Rock, was overnight guest of Mrs. R. O. Bridwell and Mr. Bridwell Tuesday. Mrs. Davis was enroute to Texarkana to attend the 42nd annual conference of the National Daughters of the American Revolution opening there Wednesday. Mrs. Davis is State Parliamentarian of the DAR.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry C. Murphy, Jr. of Greenville, Texas arrived Tuesday night to be with Mrs. Murphy's mother, Mrs. S. Duncy of Washington, who underwent major operation at the Julia Chester hospital Wednesday morning.

Mrs. Catherine Richards Howard and Miss Roberta Howard left Wednesday for Texarkana to attend the 42nd annual conference of the National Daughters of the American Revolution. Miss Howard will serve as a page to the regent, Mrs. Wilbur Jones of the John Cain chapter of Hope. She will also be an honored guest at the breakfast for the Children of the Revolution at the Grim hotel Thursday morning when Mrs. Edwin S. Lammers of Dallas, vice president general and candidate for president General of the National DAR society, will speak.

Hospital Notes

Julia Chester Admitted: Mrs. S. Duncy, Washington; A. W. Pickard, Hope. Discharged: Mrs. E. M. Leverett, Hope.

Josephine Admitted: Mrs. William Deloney, Hope; L. A. Grant, Hope.

Discharged: Mrs. Herman Downs and baby girl; Mrs. Mary Bright, Hope.

Mr. and Mrs. Dorsey Betts, of Hope, announce the arrival of a son, born on Feb. 21.

Mr. and Mrs. Lantis Plumley of Lewisville, Rt. 1, announce the arrival of a son, Feb. 21.

Branch Admitted: Mrs. Charles McClendon, Lewisville; Mrs. Karl McFall, Patmos.

## British Women May Swing Election

London, Feb. 22 —(AP)— Britain's politicians are looking to Mrs. John Bull to swing a lot of matronly weight in tomorrow's national elections for a new government.

Leaders of both Laborites and Conservatives have recognized the power of the woman in Britain's crucial political campaign. Both have said the wife in the kitchen will swing things their way.

Talks with housewives around London's suburbs indicate pretty clearly that the big race between advocates of more socialism or less —between Prime Minister Clement Attlee's Laborites or Winston Churchill's Conservatives — may end up in a photo-finish, if the women have their way.

The lines seem to be pretty well divided between those who feel they are better off since the Labor government's four and one half year tenure launched socialism in Britain and those who think things are worse.

Labor party for me," says Mrs. Emmie Saunders in her government-built home in the East Putney district of London. "For me and the three children and my husband, things have improved under this government and I'm voting for my home."

Mrs. Mary Chene of Epsom is voting for her home too, she says. But she's voting for the Tories.

"The threat of atomic war frightens me. I don't want this house to be smashed," said Mrs. Chene. "I have a feeling that the Conservative leaders would be more competent at bringing about international settlements without war."

And furthermore she is sick and tired of standing endlessly in lines for the sufficient but colorless ration of food she gets for her family.

A lot of men who like to think they run the show in their home are a little reluctant to admit that their wives are doing some independent political thinking in this race.

But the importance of married life and the home looms up even for the most reluctant. "The missus and I could never have married so soon," said a worker who thinks he never had it better than now, "if the Labor government hadn't come along with its social services and given us some confidence in the future. We don't have to worry about that rainy day any more. We know the state will take care of us. Besides, I got a house now."

And Mrs. John Bull comes into the comment by men in the shops and on the street. This is a typical comment from one workingman: "My wife says this monkeying around with ration books is getting her down. I'm going to vote Conservative this time just to see if the change won't make things easier for her." Some of these are workers, too, once were staunchly behind the Labor party.

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## End of a Chapter

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AFTER leaving the Hallecks, Alice chose a quiet hotel on the upper East Side of New York City. She was presently sorry for her choice. The very quietness proved a drawback in forgetting the things she wanted most to forget.

She had planned her program soon after she departed from Grosvenor Point. The thing to do was to get another job immediately; let it absorb her. To forget then as quickly as she could her connection with Brent and Muriel Halleck and a summer, once so promising, that had come to such a dismaying end. The program was sensible. But Alice could not seem to make it work.

A disturbing physical listlessness had seemed to take possession of her. It did not, unfortunately, extend to her mind. Her thoughts churned incessantly, going over and over the same ground again and again.

Alice had, she realized, allowed herself to get so far involved in the affairs of the Hallecks that to forget them was next to impossible.

She brooded over the stunning way in which Muriel had revealed a totally unsuspected side of her nature. Her true nature, perhaps. And, remembering, she felt a little numb.

She had liked Muriel, grown fond of her; admired her ability and drive. But all along Muriel had worn a mask.

And Brent? Even yet, despite Muriel's cold announcements, her conscience plagued her. While living under Muriel's roof, while she was paid by Muriel, Alice had stabbed her in the back.

Belatedly and helplessly, Alice knew that she should have left Grosvenor Point after that night on the beach when she had first become—well, acutely aware of Brent Halleck.

For a week Alice dawdled around the hotel, too upset to exchange its unwelcome quiet for more diverting surroundings. She was too busy with self-reproach. But one morning, she spoke to a too-pale oval of a face gazing at her from the mirror:

"Now see here, Alice Pine!" Alice muttered. "You're an egotistical ass. You didn't break up your marriage. You're not that attractive. They'd begun to crack up before you ever came on the set. So stop beating yourself and get a job. Heaven knows you need one."

She went downtown that same day, visited employment bureaus and advertising agencies. She filled out application blanks.

BACK at the hotel late in the afternoon, Alice was slipping out of her street shoes when there came a light tap at the door.

"Come in," she called, hastily thrusting her feet into slippers.

The door opened. Muriel Halleck stood there.

"M-Muriel!" Alice rose in astonishment.

Muriel stepped into the room. She was beautifully dressed in a black sheer and small black hat. Her appearance was assured. Yet somehow, Alice thought, Muriel herself seemed subdued.

"I'm very glad you sent me a forwarding address, Alice," she said. "And I charmed your desk clerk here into letting me come up without his phoning. I—I didn't know whether you'd see me, if you had warning."

"But, Muriel, how silly!" "Well," Muriel looked at her gravely. "I couldn't take a chance. I had to see you, Alice. Something's not quite right."

"Oh," Alice began, "don't let anything bother you." Muriel stopped her. "But it does,

my dear. I'm off for the week tomorrow and I'll be gone a long time. And I'm going to live with myself out there everywhere I go."

"I don't understand." "You will, Alice. Listen. I'm exactly what you meant that day when you said Brent had been cruel. Well—Muriel drew breath—"you were wrong. He never else Brent may be, but never that."

"You mean..." Alice herself, conscious of having most shouted.

"I'm afraid I do," Muriel went to her shoes. "It was I who whipped Rick a little, one day. And if I hadn't been a coward when you found the—that thing in my closet, I wouldn't have admitted it then and I wouldn't be here now. But I was cowardly enough and mean enough, to put you under a misapprehension. Excuse me, too."

Alice caught her hand. "Muriel! You don't need to say another word."

"Yes, I do. I came to get off my chest and I'll do it. I'll 'sit down,' Alice said, pushing forward the single chair in the room. Muriel walked past it and sat on the bed. Alice sat down beside her.

"I was terribly edgy that night, Alice," Muriel began. "A combination of things. Brent and I were mostly worrying about my wedding. And—oh, heaven knows what! And I couldn't sleep with that confounded storm outside. Brent sleeps like a log and he didn't hear Rick when he was crying. The child was petting with fear of the lightning. That what makes what I did so much worse."

"Oh, please!" Alice said. "I understand. You needn't go on." (To Be Continued)

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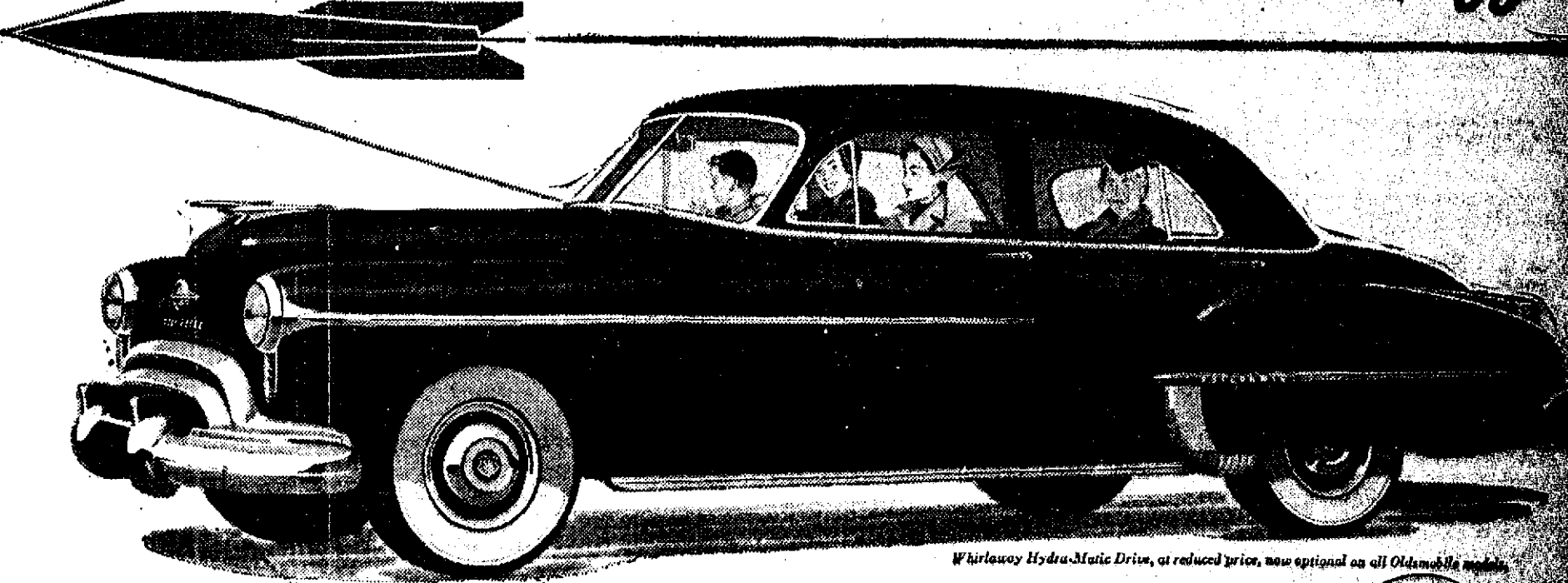
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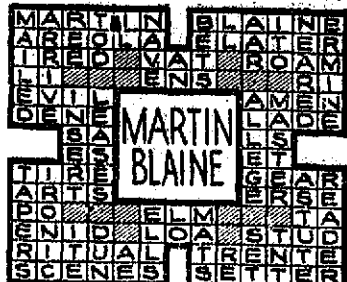


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Amphibian

Answer to Previous Puzzle



- HORIZONTAL**
- 1 Depicted amphibian, the salamander
  - 3 It eats
  - 13 Scent
  - 14 Choice of words
  - 15 Insect larva
  - 16 Grayish mineral
  - 18 Expire
  - 19 Atop
  - 20 Curers
  - 21 French article
  - 23 Baltic gulf
  - 25 Assesverate
  - 27 Glance over
  - 28 Tress
  - 29 Doctor of Medicine (ab.)
  - 30 Accomplish
  - 31 Barrel (ab.)
  - 32 Not (prefix)
  - 33 Competent
  - 35 Close
  - 38 Horned ruminant
  - 39 Heating device
  - 40 Preposition
  - 41 Insects
  - 47 Tin (symbol)
  - 48 Cooking utensil
  - 50 Single
  - 51 Cereal grain
  - 52 Molasses
  - 54 Malt happy
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- 1 Small drums
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  - 3 Obtained

OUT OUR WAY

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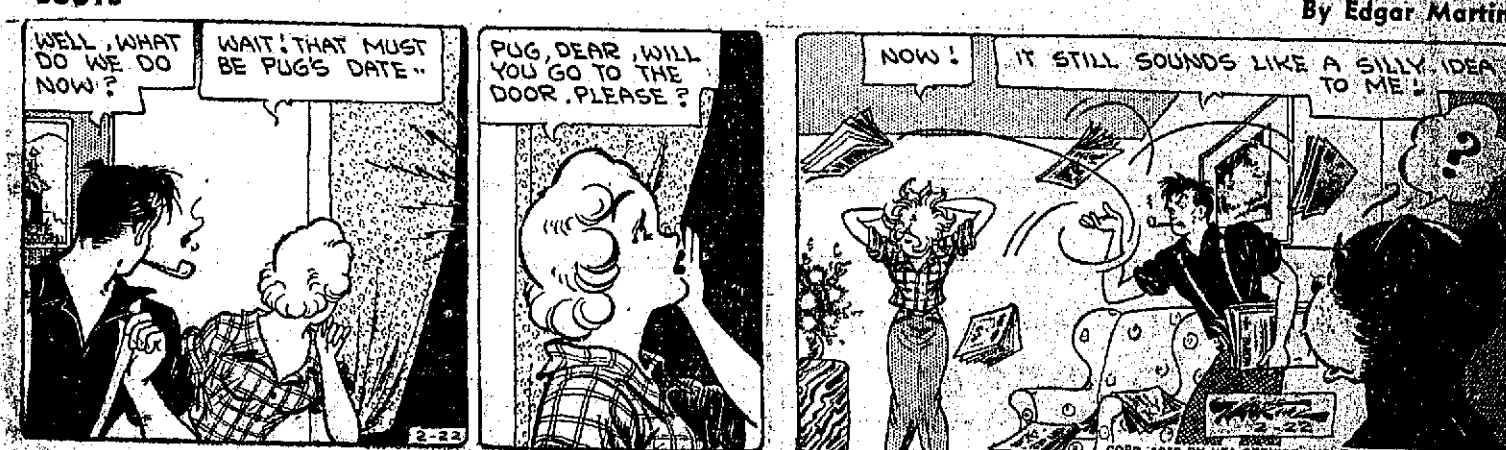
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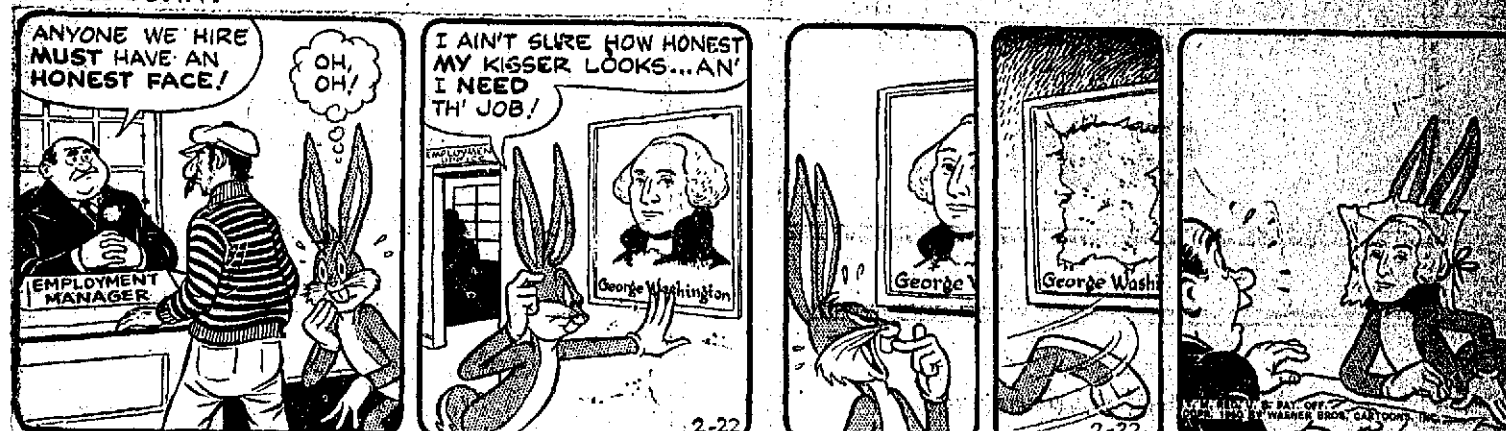
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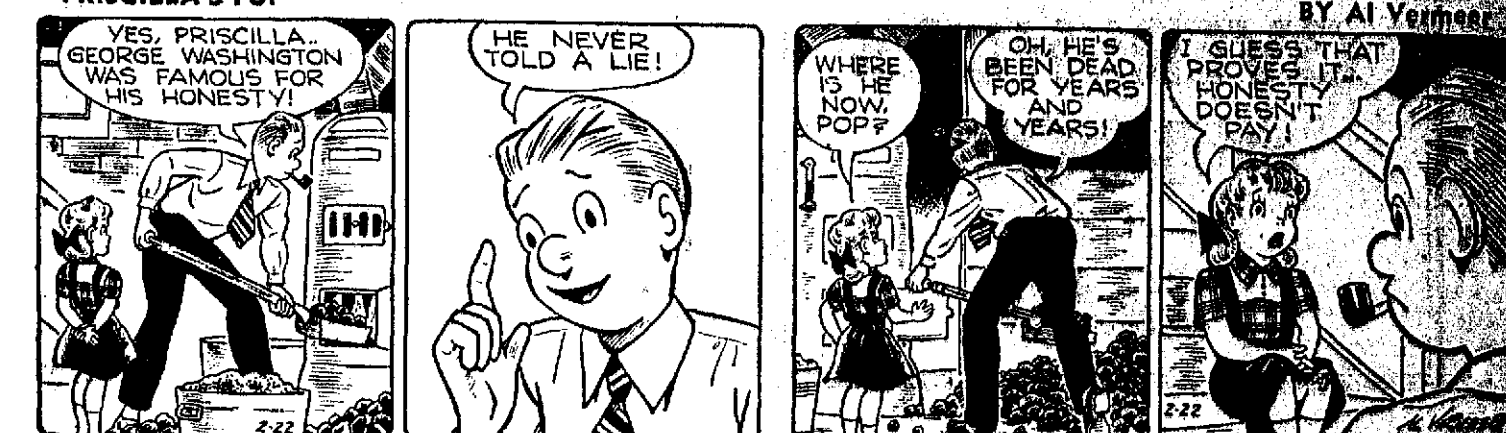
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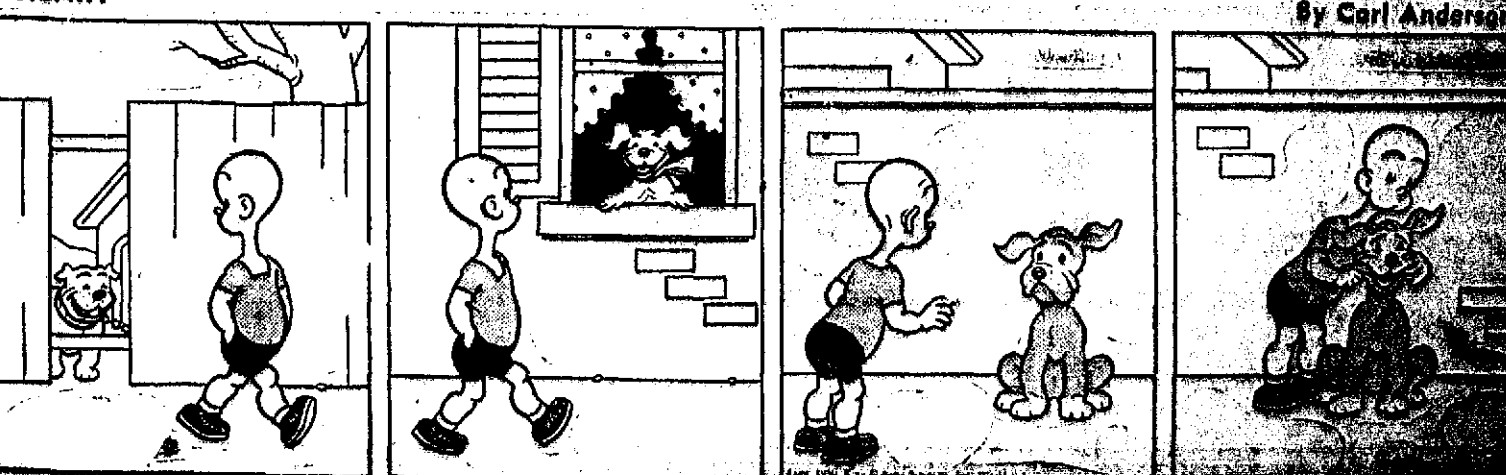
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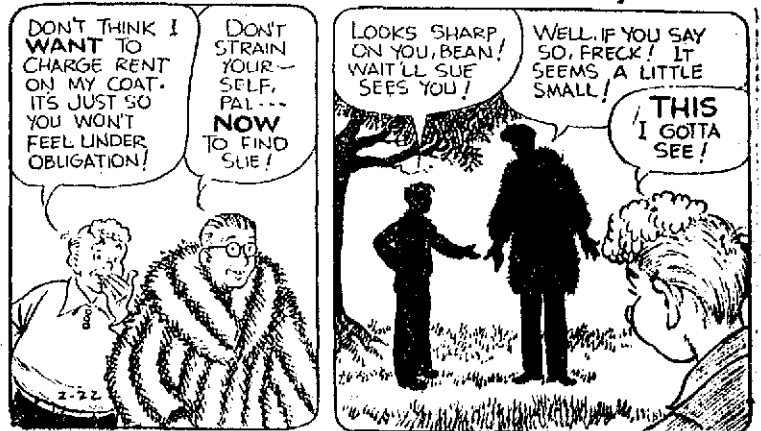
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